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SUBJECT: FY 1975 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM

REF: STATE 070469; GUATEMALA 1813

1. RECENT CHANGES IN GUATEMALAN POLITICAL SCENE HAVE MADE JUNE 8 DEPARTURE FOR TELLEZ AND TEZAGUIC IMPOSSIBLE. THEY HAVE REQUESTED THAT THEIR DEPARTURE BE POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY, JUNE 20.

2. ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS IS TO BE HELD HERE JUNE 15. TELLEZ, WHO ON APRIL 13 WAS ELECTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF HIS PARTY (PR), WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE MANEUVERING LEADING UP TO THIS ELECTION. THE POSSIBILITY THAT A NEW GOVERNING COALITION (INVOLVING HIS PARTY) MAY EMERGE MAKES IT NECESSARY THAT HE REMAIN IN GUATEMALA UNTIL AFTER JUNE 15. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT TELLEZ MAY EMERGE AS ONE OF THOSE ELECTED TO THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP.

3. BECAUSE THE CREATION OF ANY NEW COALITION IS LIKELY TO BE BY A SLENDER MARGIN, TEZAGUIC'S PARTY (ALSO PR) HAS TOLD US THAT IT WILL REQUIRE HIM TO REMAIN IN GUATEMALA AT LEAST UNTIL THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP IS CHOSEN.

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